(c) whether Government have also invited the foreign investors to participate in domestic flights; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Like other business establishments, foreign aircraft manufacturers are allowed to carry on legitimate business activities in India.

(b) Information is being collected.

(c) and (d) The existing Domestic Air Transport Policy permits foreign equity participation upto 40% and NRI/OCB investment upto 100% in the domestic air transport services. However, equity from foreign airlines is not allowed directly or indirectly in the domestic air transport sector.

Credentials of private airlines

4963. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:
SHRI C.O. POULOSE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaint regarding the credentials of the private airlines operating in the domestic sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government against such private operators in the civil aviation sector?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) On receipt of some adverse report from Government Agencies, the non-scheduled operating permits of M/s Mesco Airlines and M/s Delhi Flying Club have been cancelled by the M/o Civil Aviation. Recently certain adverse input against Chairman of Jet Airways have been received. The matter is being examined by the Government.

New Private Airlines

4964. SHRI C.O. POULOSE:
SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIAITON be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new private airlines are seeking permission to operate from India;